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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: The candidates didn't invoke its protection. That's all that happened there. It didn't fail at all. But I'm sure that Regent O'Brien, looking back at this, would have wished that she had handled the whole race differently. But in any event, I point that out to you just to suggest to you that these dollar amounts were not pulled out of the air. And finally, let me point out that this thing we call a limitation is only a trigger. Anybody and everybody can go above it. If you go above it, the only thing it means is that your opponent...is that you're not going to be allowed to outdistance your opponent even more...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...by going above the limitation. That's all it means.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Foley, followed by Senator Redfield, Senator Bromm, Senator Smith, and Senator Chambers, and others.

SENATOR FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I rise in support of the bracket motion and in opposition to LB 762. I want to thank Senator Beutler for the years of work that he has put into campaign finance issues. The law that we have on our book is largely as a result of his work, his efforts, and it's a law that's been recognized nationally by a lot of organizations of credibility who watch these issues very carefully and very closely. Senator Beutler would be the first to admit that our campaign finance laws need additional work. There are some aspects of our law that are simply broken. They need to be fixed. And he has come to this Legislature time and time again to try to fix it, and we've stopped him, and that's wrong. A lot has been made of the Lorelee Byrd situation, the \$125,000 in public funds that she received. Well, let's remember, she didn't spend all of that. She turned back, actually, about \$13,000. That's a small point, but...when the Lorelee Byrd situation developed, some of us were quick to criticize her for